

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

SUCHA, Gregg D., et al.

Divisional Application of  
Appln. No.: 09/169,577

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Confirmation No.: Not yet assigned

Examiner: J. Zahn

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For: SCANNING TEMPORAL ULTRAFast DELAY AND METHODS AND  
APPARATUSES THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/169,577 filed March 27, 1998, which is a  
Divisional Application of Application No. 08/602,457, filed February 16, 1996, which is a  
Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 08/221,516, filed on April 1, 1994; the disclosure of  
which is incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 1-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Kindly add new claim 30 as follows:**

30. A method of stabilizing a short-pulse fiber laser, comprising:

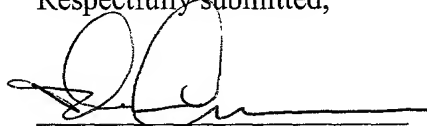
isolating said fiber laser from an external environment by wrapping said fiber  
laser onto a fiber spool; and  
operating the fiber laser while said fiber laser remains wrapped on said fiber  
spool.

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**REMARKS**

Prior to examination, entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully  
requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-29 are canceled.

Claim 30 is submitted as a new claim